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WOMEN SIGN FOR REFUSE REMOVAL

Agree to Pay 25 Cents a Month For Removing Contents of Barrel of Rubbish.

DUMPING GROUNDS READY

Coming Warm Season Makes Some Method of Removing Waste Matter from Homes Almost Indispensable.

The committee of the Niles Woman's club having in hand the matter of finding a suitable place and manner of disposing of garbage and refuse is still working unflinchingly.

A suitable place has been generously donated by E. A. Ellsworth and the only difficulty now in the way of the committee is the securing of a man to act as scavenger. The committee has such a person in view.

For some time the committee has been working along the plan of securing the signatures of the various women of the town to an agreement to pay 25 cents each per month for the disposal of the contents of one barrel of garbage. This plan has received considerable support.

The following housewives of Niles have placed their signatures to such an agreement:

Mrs. John Dassel, Mrs. S. Johnson, Mesdames Orpin, Barnard, Rutherford, Tempe, Oakeshott, Trimmingham, Snyder, N. Alberg, J. Alberg, Moyer, Mayhew, Hicks, Baldwin, Miss L. DeCora, Mesdames MacRae, Glover, Zwiler, Benson, Oliver, Chittenden.

An agreement may leave their names at the office of The Washington Press.

LIVELY SESSION OF BOARD

That he was perfectly willing to have Alameda county rescind the \$15,000 contract with him, allowing him to dismantle and return all exhibits placed in the California building was the statement made by W. D. Egilbert, commissioner general of the California building, before the board of supervisors this morning.

Statements, misstatements, rumors and conjectures that have been made or have been purported as made during the past four months in regard to Alameda county's exhibit in the California building at the exposition were gone over in a committee meeting of the board of supervisors this morning. Commissioner General W. D. Egilbert, his attorney Thomas D. Dozler, and Supervisors Murphy and Foss entered into heated arguments.

The question at stake was whether or not Egilbert, who, unofficially, had entered onto a contract amounting to \$15,000 for the collection and installation of Alameda county's exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition, is fulfilling the terms of his contract, and whether or not delays which have sprung up were justified.

In making a statement in answer to Chairman Murphy's request to "let us hear all about it," Egilbert read an itemized list of the exhibitors from the county and reported, in each case, the progress made.

"You were called before this board two and a half months ago to give a report as to when Alameda county's exhibit would be ready for inspection and at that time you said, 'in two weeks,'" declared Murphy. "After six weeks we asked you, again, Mr. Egilbert, and got the same kind of an answer. What we want to know now is just when—definitely when—the exhibit will be ready."

"Within two weeks the space will be ready in the palace of horticulture," replied Egilbert.

"We have been getting that for the past two months," retorted Murphy.

After considerable discussion on all sides it was agreed upon that the final inspection of the county's exhibit by the board of supervisors, for acceptance or rejection, should be on May 1. The session was marked by a verbal clash between Supervisors Foss and Murphy.

"It seems to me that there must be

a bunch of men here who are sore heads," declared Foss, "and it looks to me like a case of petty jealousy. That man's job (pointing to Egilbert) 'is a man's job, and don't forget it.'"

"What do you say is the trouble with the board?" asked Murphy.

"I do not know, but I say that there are earmarks and I'm here to find out," replied Foss.

"I wouldn't talk like that if I didn't know," answered Murphy, "and what is more if you are referring to me when you say that persons are carrying tales about what I am doing more for Alameda county than you are. You come late and go early and I spend lots of time here when you are tending to your business in Berkeley."

WATER BILL PASSES

State Legislature Passes Bills Validating All Districts.

The bill validating the Alameda County Water District has passed both houses of the legislature and now goes to the governor.

The bill amending the county water district law and validating all districts formed under it has also passed both houses.

The Pleasanton Water District validating bill will probably pass the Senate this week. It has already passed the Assembly.

The passage of these bills against the opposition of the water corporations and their allies is considered a great victory by the water directors of both Washington and Pleasanton townships.

Bogus \$5 Pieces Circulated

Look out for counterfeit \$5 gold pieces. There are a lot of them going around and the imitation is so good that even the bank experts are deceived. The coins are of the latest design and contain about \$2.75 worth of gold. Don't take any chances on buying them redeemed by Uncle Sam as he will confiscate them. Better melt them into bullion is the tip passed out by an Oakland banker.

TWO NEW ROAD DISTRICTS

Supervisors Combine Several Small Portions of Previous Districts.

Two new road districts were created today by resolution of the board of supervisors, each including several smaller previous districts.

The Eden District will include former Castro Valley, Palomares, Mount Eden and San Lorenzo districts. The Murray district will include the former Murray district and also the Altamont and Livermore districts.

Other resolutions provided authorization for the county auditor and treasurer to transfer to the accounts of the new consolidated districts all funds and appropriations remaining on hand to the credit of the old districts.

HORSES ARE STOLEN.

Mrs. E. L. Chittenden Buys Two Mares for \$250, But Returned Them.

A man, who neglected to give his name, drove into Niles last week with two black mares. These he disposed of to Mrs. E. L. Chittenden of Hotel Belvoir. Mrs. Chittenden, it is understood, agreed to buy the animals for \$250 and paid a deposit of \$25 with the understanding that she was to be allowed the privilege of trying the animals before paying the rest of the purchase price.

Meanwhile word was received by the local officers to be on the lookout for a team resembling those which Mrs. Chittenden bought. An endeavor was made to locate the vendor but he had disappeared. The owner subsequently came from San Francisco and claimed his property.

DANCE AT IRVINGTON.

Irvington Social Club Plans Yama Yama Dance for May 1.

The members of the Irvington Social club are making preparations for a Yama Yama dance to be given in Maple Hall, Irvington, Saturday evening, May 1. Sykes' orchestra has been secured for the occasion.

Alvarado Man Insane.

Thursday last Constable Frank Rose took Joe Benice of Alvarado to the emergency hospital, Oakland, to be placed under observation as to his sanity. The unfortunate man, it is understood, is suffering under the hallucination that some one is trying to poison him.

ALVARADO MAN PASSES AWAY

Lewis C. Smith, Former Resident of Alvarado Dies at King's Daughters' Home.

BURIED IN CENTERVILLE

Was a Member of a Family Very Prominent in Early Alameda County Social and Political Circles.

Lewis C. Smith, formerly a resident of Alvarado, died Sunday morning at the King's Daughters' home.

Smith was born in Michigan August 15, 1829, and came to California, via Panama, in 1850, and settled in Alvarado.

His brother, Henry C. Smith, had preceded him, having first come to California with other brothers in the early 40's, and amassed a considerable fortune in placer mining.

Henry Smith, now deceased many years, was instrumental in forming Alameda county out of Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties and the county seat was originally located at Alvarado.

Lewis C. Smith engaged in the farming business at Alvarado for many years, but sold his ranch twelve years ago and has since resided in San Jose and Oakland, the past three years at the King's Daughters' home.

Smith never married. He leaves a twin sister, Mrs. Lavina E. Gragg, of the Odd Fellows' home near Saratoga. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian cemetery in Centerville, Tuesday.

GUILD MET WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Auxiliary to Church Transacts Important Business.

The ladies guild of the Congregational church held its regular meeting in the parlors of the church Wednesday last, thirty-two members being present. President Mrs. C. B. Overacker called the meeting to order at 3:30 o'clock p. m. A letter was read from the Rescue Mission at San Francisco asking for contributions to aid in their work. It was decided to postpone action on the communication until after Easter.

A Mr. Rose also communicated with the guild, offering to come to Niles and drill the school children in a play to be given in part benefit for the guild. A committee consisting of Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Roy Morgan, Mrs. Ralph Richmond and Miss Helen Baldwin was appointed to look into the matter.

Arrangements of the Sunday school for a motion picture show to be given Wednesday next are discussed at some length.

The treasurer reported \$4.50 as taken in at the supper given to the 50 visiting clergymen two weeks ago.

The plan of saving old newspapers and magazines and finding a market for them was also discussed. Mrs. Macy was appointed to find out all the information possible in regard to such sale and report.

Mrs. Mayhew told of collecting stamps for missionary purposes.

Mrs. L. E. Shinn sent a dainty little corsage bouquet of pansies and forget-me-nots to each member present in remembrance of her former membership. Mrs. Abernethy and Miss DeCora entertained for the afternoon, serving sandwiches and coffee before adjournment.

ESHLEMAN BEATS BILL

Tie Vote on Question of Closing Saloons Near Schools Broken.

Lieutenant Governor Eshleman settled the fate of the Butler dry zone liquor bill by voting no when a 20-to-20 roll-call was recorded this morning.

The bill went down to defeat in the most spectacular and dramatic battle waged in the 1915 session of the legislature. The vote was on reconsideration and is now finally dead.

Butler's bill involved the big anti-liquor fight of the session. It failed of passage yesterday after six hours of grilling on the floor. The vote

then was 19 to 19. Senators Strobridge and Rush being absent.

A motion to reconsider the bill was won this morning, 21 to 14. Both Strobridge and Rush were in their seats. Lieutenant Governor Eshleman canceled a fishing engagement to be present in a case of a 20-to-20 vote. For a few minutes it appeared as if the bill would be beaten without Eshleman's vote. Strobridge and Rush rose and announced that they would vote against the bill. But the gloom of the bill's supporters suddenly turned into fresh hope when Senator Irwin of Hanford, who voted against the bill, declared that he had changed his mind and would vote for it.

There was barely ten minutes of debate. Cries of "roll call" went up and amid a tense hush Secretary of Senate Smith began to call the names. Senator Mott was absent.

When Smith announced that the vote was a tie Eshleman said:

The vote is 20 ayes and 20 noes. The president of the Senate votes no."

Senator Strobridge of Alameda said: "I believe this bill is a subterfuge and I cannot vote for it. I have visited all the normal schools and I can see no occasion for any legislation of this kind. The people settled this question at the polls in November."

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS.

Niles Ladies Listen to an Address by Mrs. George Colby.

Niles Woman's Club met Thursday afternoon, March 25, with Mrs. Geneva Chase.

The program for the afternoon was "Current Events," Mrs. E. Meyer, a paper on "The Resources of Plumas and Mendocino Counties" by Mrs. Mayhew, and a very interesting talk on the Civic Federation by Mrs. George Colby of Berkeley. She spoke of the different lines of civic work the federation is doing and dwelt particularly

on the young girls who are strangers to San Francisco to get work and are led away by rascals and men and women. The handicapped for the lack of money. Colby asked that donations be made to help the work.

The committee appointed to visit the schools reported everything satisfactory and around the schools.

A committee was appointed to get up a social evening to include the gentlemen friends of the club.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Dassel on April 8.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE FIGHT

Irvington School Election Wages Hot Toward End of Campaign.

After a comparatively quiet campaign for school trustee in the Irvington school district, unexpected interest was injected this week by the announcement of J. M. Brewer of the southern town as a candidate.

The opposition candidate is James S. Millard, who announced his candidacy several weeks ago.

School elections in Irvington for some time past have been a source of much controversy.

LOPES GETS 90 DAYS.

Man Accused of Malicious Mischief to Spend Three Months in Jail.

Albert Lopes, arrested Tuesday by Constable Frank Rose of Niles, on a warrant sworn to by Joe Marshall, who resides near Centerville, was convicted before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond the same day and sentenced to 90 days' imprisonment in the county jail. The charge was malicious mischief.

Street to be 42 Feet Wide.

As the result of a conference Wednesday between Supervisor Murphy, Surveyor Haviland and engineers of the State Highway Commission, an arrangement was made whereby that portion of Front street, Niles, between the MacRae Building and the end of the Essanay property, will be made 42 feet wide instead of 30 feet as was originally mapped out. This action followed an emphatic protest by property owners of that section of the town against the narrow street.

One Inch of Rain Fell.

According to Weather Prophet A. B. Hill, Jr., the rain gauge at the Southern Pacific railway station at Niles showed at 7 o'clock yesterday morning that one inch of rain had fallen during the last storm.

MERCY ASKED FOR Z. GOZA

District Attorney of Missouri County Says Goza Comes From Good Family.

ASKS HYNES FOR LENIENCY

Maximum Penalty Possible for Assault of Charles Evans in Fourteen Years in the State Penitentiary.

According to information given out in Oakland leniency in the punishment of Zelbert Goza, the young man who shot Charles Evans, cashier in the Niles State Bank, in the shoulder, during an unsuccessful attempt to rob that institution, has been asked of District Attorney Hynes in a letter received from John L. Hodge, district attorney of Stoddard county, Missouri, where the defendant's family resides.

According to the letter written by Hodge, young Goza comes from one of the best families in that county. Their home is near Advance, Mo. He says that he believes the boy's record has been good prior to this time and asks if there is not a chance for him to be given light punishment.

Goza has been held to answer in the Superior court under \$5000 bail on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit robbery. The maximum penalty for the crime is fourteen years imprisonment.

ENTHUSED WITH OUR STATE

Chicago Visitors With Oliver Roland Motor Cycle Pay Country.

Oliver Roland of Niles has returned from a 334-mile motoring trip on which he was accompanied by a party of Chicago relatives and friends comprising Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kemp and Mrs. M. Hassel.

The party passed through San Rafael, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Napa, Suisun, Vallejo, Benicia, Martinez, Walnut Creek and returning by the Tunnel Boulevard to Berkeley, visited the University grounds.

On the outing the Chicago party photographed many points of interest and beauty. At Suisun Road, Master B. Roland, a relative of the host was visited.

The visitors came to Alameda county after having visited the San Diego Fair and with their uncle took in the Panama-Pacific Exposition. They were loud in their praise of our scenery and marveled at the magnitude of California's effort to entertain and instruct the world. Their statement that the San Francisco Fair far surpasses the Chicago and St. Louis events coming from persons who had visited those great undertakings, is a comparison that will help persons not so fortunate to form a just opinion of what has come to be looked upon as a local proposition.

JUDGE ISSUES UTLIMATUM

Men Who Fail to Appear Will be Tried on Evidence of Officer Alone.

Declaring that there was no necessity of postponing cases indefinitely and congesting the docket of his court, Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond at Niles Monday declared that hereafter when a person arrested for speeding fails to appear at the time he was notified by the officer that his case will be tried without his presence and if the evidence is such as to convict a commitment will be issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff for execution.

This, it is believed, will have a tendency to expedite the work of the court. In the past, it was pointed out, speeding motorists, who had been arrested and notified to appear for trial often failed to come at the appointed hour and several notices were sent after them.

"In the city of Oakland," said Deputy District Attorney Myron Harris, in discussing the case, "a man who is arrested either puts up his bail or goes to jail until his case is tried in court. Here it is only a matter of courtesy to notify violators of the law when to appear instead of taking them into custody. Some of the speed burners seem to think the matter a joke, but it is

time that they were made to understand that the law must be respected."

Justice of the Peace Mattos at Centerville likewise has taken a similar stand. Last week, when a young man named Powers appeared before him, Judge Mattos, in no uncertain manner, made his stand on the matter of delays. It had been necessary to send two letters and a deputy sheriff with a bench warrant before Powers appeared in court. He was fined \$25 for speeding and an additional \$10 was assessed for the trouble he had caused the court in having him appear.

BUTLER GETS 60 DAYS.

Was Convicted in 20 Minutes by Jury in San Jose.

Albert V. Butler, of Niles, who was arrested by Constable Frank Rose a couple of weeks ago, and charged with stealing an overcoat from an automobile belonging to a man named Weishaar at Milpitas, was convicted by a jury in the court of Justice of the Peace F. B. Brown in San Jose, and sentenced to imprisonment for a period of 60 days in the county jail.

Butler was arrested by Rose after the owner of the stolen goods had telephoned to the constable that the thief was a Niles man. Rose, knowing that Butler and several companions had left town in an automobile earlier in the evening, suspected the man and upon questioning other members of the party secured information sufficient to convict.

Butler, it is understood is wanted by the probation officers of Alameda county on a charge of having violated the provisions of his parole on a previous conviction.

TWO SESSIONS OF COURT

Morning Session at 10:30 and Afternoon Session at 1:30.

In order to facilitate the work of the district attorneys offices this session set

for the cases of motorists arrested for violating the speed laws has been changed from 1:30 p. m. on Mondays to 10:30 a. m. The first session at that hour was held Monday last.

A. Raines of Oakland contributed \$25 to the county treasury for speeding. Raines didn't seem to like it but the judge admonished him that \$25 was the regular fine and that rich and poor were treated alike.

At the afternoon session of the court M. Sanders appeared. Sanders was accompanied by a party of ladies who took a great deal of interest in the proceedings. He evidently knew what to expect as he had a check for \$25 already made out.

J. E. Dilly was arrested by Officer Sherman. He also was assessed \$25, and as he pleaded inability to put up at once, the judge allowed him until April 26 to pay.

L. R. Vondack was the next man to fall a prey to Sherman's activities. The court read him a lecture on the error of his ways and assessed him the usual fine of \$25 "with the alternative of 12 1-2 days in Barnett's Hotel." Vondack apparently liked the idea of selecting his own landlord, so he paid the fine.

Miss V. Bronson was the next to appear. Miss Bronson was a comely young woman, fully composed as she took the chair near Judge Richmond. Judge Richmond tried to look stern as he said: "Some time we have to send people to jail for speeding," but his attempt could hardly be classed a success. Twenty-five dollars is what it cost her. "It's pretty hard lines, judge," she said as she handed over the money. To which Richmond agreed.

"Never again," said the young woman, earnestly, as she walked out of the court room.

H. Nelson failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

A. W. Spear arrested by Traffic Officer Solon was fined \$25 and given until April 5 to pay the fine.

W. P. Peterson also failed to appear and his bail of \$25 was declared forfeited.

P. J. MURPHY LAID UP.

Popular Hotelman Compelled to Use Crutches to Walk.

P. J. Murphy, one of the proprietors of the Niles hotel has been laid up during the past week with an acute case of rheumatism. Mr. Murphy has been compelled to use crutches to get around.

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

WASHINGTON HIGH LEADS COUNTY

University Report Proves the Efficiency of Local Institution as a Prep. School.

OAKLAND SECOND ON LIST

General Average of Girls Higher Than Boys, But Future Men Specialize and Take More Studies.

The annual report of the state university examiner of high schools has recently been published. In this report there is a comparative ranking of the work of the various schools as shown by the records of their pupils for the first half of the Freshman year in the University. Washington Union High school ranges above all other high schools in the county in this report.

The Oakland High school and the Oakland Technical High school are tied for second place in the county. The highest record for the state is held by the Elk Grove High school.

In this report many facts are presented which are very interesting for one who cares for statistics. For instance, it is shown that from the 496 boys and the 324 girls in the Freshman class of the colleges at Berkeley for the first half of last year, the girls have a higher general average of grades, but the boys have a greater percentage of the high grades and also of the low grades. Furthermore the boys take a greater number of units of work. Again, contrary to what one would expect, in the subject of English composition (required for matriculation) both a greater proportion of boys try the examination and also a greater percentage of boys pass.

The method used in arriving at ratings is as follows: Multiply the grade obtained in each subject by the number of units in that subject; add the

total number of units of work. The result is the average grade.

It is not, of course, supposed that this method of ranking indicates much about the real work of the schools. In large high schools from which a great many go each year to the universities, the grade remains about the same from year to year. In smaller high schools the grade may be very high one year and very low the next, depending on the particular ones who go to college. In the real work of the school Washington Union High School has always stood high.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT

Shows a Deficit of \$212,199.03 for the Last Fiscal Year.

In the comprehensive report filed by County Auditor E. F. Garrison Monday the auditor pointed out that the total revenues for the year ending June 30, last, were \$3,882,812.18, and the total expenditures were \$4,095,011.21, making an apparent deficit for the year of \$212,199.03.

To offset this, however, there was a revenue surplus of \$979,601.72, left from the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, leaving an actual balance of \$767,402.69.

"Through taking cognizance of that surplus from 1912-13," said Garrison, "the tax rate for the following year was accordingly lower."

The public is to have access to these figures, says the auditor, so that at any time the state of the county's finances will be as an open book. The reports are so arranged as to be easily understood by the average layman.

WYLLIE IN EXPLOSION.

Author of the Local Option Bill Sustains Serious Injuries.

Ex-Assemblyman G. W. Wyllie, author of the Wyllie bill, the present local option liquor law, was the victim of a premature explosion of dynamite last Tuesday at his ranch near Orange Cove, Fresno county, in which he suffered injuries that it seems impossible for a man to live through.

He was blasting hard pan and rock preparatory to planting trees, when a short fuse caused the trouble. He was thrown 15 feet in the air, men working with him declare.

Following is an itemized list of the injuries Wyllie sustained: Two fractures of the left cheek bone, fleshy part of the nose blown completely away, left nasal bone lost, right upper eyelid lost, lid of upper left eye torn loose, both eyes filled with stone and

earth, partition of the nose destroyed, right cheek bone broken, compound fracture of the right ankle, contusions of the shoulder and thigh and a severely sprained back.

Notwithstanding that the doctors in attendance state that if no complications set in Wyllie will recover.

STATE INSURANCE A GO

Leads All Competitors in All Kinds of Results.

The State Compensation Insurance Fund, the insurance enterprise of the State of California, led all competitors in 1914, writing net premiums of \$547,161, or \$144,000 in excess of the writings of its closest competitor.

The operating expense of the fund other than claims, amounted to only 8 per cent of net premiums, a showing of economy never equaled by any State insurance fund in competition.

Fifteen per cent of all premiums earned in 1914, amounting to more than \$70,000, is now being returned to policy holders—except those who paid only the minimum premium. This return is being made as the actual payroll of employers is ascertained, and about one-half the entire sum has actually been paid to date. In addition, the fund has an unapportioned surplus of 28 per cent, which will be returned to 1914 policy holders when the excess of legal reserves over actual losses is determined and withdrawn.

The State Compensation Insurance Fund is operated under the direction of the California Industrial Accident Commission by the following officers:

C. W. Fellows, manager; William Leslie, secretary-actuary; M. R. Gibson, M. D., medical director; W. L. McConnell, Southern California district manager.

The executive office of the fund is located at 525 Market street, San Francisco.

THE CONVICT LABOR BILL PASSES HOUSE.

The Assembly passed Monday by a vote of 50 to 24 the Meek bill permitting the employment of convict labor on state highways.

Various attempts to amend the bill by restricting road employment only to short-term prisoners were voted down.

Opposition to the measure came mainly from labor members of the House.

The bill provides that the state department of engineering may requisition the wardens of the two penitentiaries for convicts to work on various laterals. Special good time allowance for faithful service would be granted to the prisoners on a basis of two days for each day's labor on the highways. The bill now goes to the Senate, where there is strong probability of its passage.

EASTER SERVICES.

Extensive Preparations For Church Festivities Are Completed.

The following program has been prepared for rendition at the Niles Congregational church:

Easter Sunday, April 4.
10 a. m.—Sunday School, with special Easter features.
11 a. m.—Easter Service:
Song by the Sunday School, "The Message of Gladness."
Sermonette.
Song by the Sunday School, "Joy Bells."
Recessional (Younger children marching out).
Doxology.
Invocation.
Lord's Prayer.
Gloria.
Responsive Reading, page 84.
Anthem: "The Risen Lord," Ashford.
Scripture Reading, Eph. 5:6-14.
Anthem: "Arise, Glorious Conqueror," Porter.
Prayer.
Anthem: "Awake, Thou That Sleepest," Stainer.
Special Easter Offering.
Notices.
Solo: "The Resurrection," Shelly.
(Mrs. Moyer.)
Sermon, "Daily Resurrections," Rev. C. L. Hyde.
Christening of Children.
Hymn, 183, verses 1 and 6.
Benediction.
Postlude.

7:45 p. m.—Organ voluntary.
Hymn, 179 verses 1 and 2.
Reading.
Anthem, selected.
Reading.
Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads," Wilson.
Scripture Reading: Amos 5:18-24.
Solo: "Hosanna," Jules Granier.
(Mr. Moyer.)

Offertory.
Notices.
Hymn 476, all.
Sermon: "The Church's Risk in the Present Social Order."
Hymn 91 (all).
Benediction.
Organ Postlude.

The choir of twelve voices, which will sing the anthems, is conducted by Professor R. O. Moyer, and accompanied by Miss Mary C. Barnard.
Soprano—Mrs. Moyer, Miss Baldwin, Mrs. Morgan.
Altos—Mrs. Ellsworth, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Marshall.
Tenors—Mr. Clarke, Mr. Bales.
Basses—Mr. Moyer, Mr. Ford and Mr. Morgan.

COMMISSIONER OF FAIR SCHOED

Supervisors to Investigate Complaints of Alameda Exhibitors

MURPHY OMINOUSLY QUIET

Alameda County Paid Representatives Not On the Job When He Goes on Still-Hunt for the Evidence.

As result of a protest against dilatory tactics of the fair commissioners of San Francisco, filed by O. S. Orrick last Monday with the board of supervisors, a rather torrid session was had with Chairman Murphy as the cynosure.

Orrick is a paint manufacturer of Oakland who had been asked to prepare an exhibit for the Exposition. This he had done some two months ago, and doubtless, realizing the impossibility of competing with larger firms outside of the Pacific Coast trade zone, he got sore when he realized that the people he can reasonably hope to get trade from, being numbered among the early visitors largely did not know of the existence of his business as far as the fair is concerned.

Orrick's letter read: "From a personal investigation of the situation it is apparent that there are reasons for the delay other than the necessary time for the erection of booths. We therefore ask you to obtain the removal of the causes for delay, the principal one of which is, we understand, that the contractors refuse to go ahead until assured of their pay."

Furthermore, we would urge that your body insist on a special manufacturers' committee, to be employed out of the money already appropriated to watch the work.

awards for the manufacturers of the county, as a special man will be named by the States District court for the county of New York. The suit was filed by the Victor Talking Machine company to restrain R. H. Macy & Company from selling phonographs and records at a lower price than that fixed by the Victor company.

and \$5000 for the San Diego fair. The details of all transactions will be gone into today in the supervisors' room. Officials of the Chamber of Commerce-Commercial club, the publicity commission and exposition, with the county exposition employees and Egilbert, will be present.

... Mrs. Green Claims Damages.

Mrs. Fern E. Green, administratrix of the estate of Harry B. Green, killed while in employment of the county in December, 1914, filed claim for \$4999.98. This was referred to the committee of the whole. The claim was made under the workmen's compensation act.

Boundaries Set.

Boundaries of the Mt. Eden road district, as planned by Supervisor Heyer, were accepted. The new boundary is practically the same as the old.

Vacation of the Altamont and Tracy road, portions near Mountain House, was ordered.

Bids Are Called.

Bids were called for the San Lorenzo creek bridge in Castro Valley. The estimated price is \$10,000. The work will be rushed to completion.

Auditor's Report Is Filed.

The annual report of County Auditor E. F. Garrison, as required under the new law was filed Monday. This detailed all pay rolls, cash on hand disbursements, liabilities and assets.

The report, practically a county balance sheet, was ordered filed. Its ground has been covered from week to week in the county treasurer's reports.

A request was made by the California Automobile Association for \$200. This was referred to the committee of the whole.

C. Roy was named driver at the County Infirmary, and C. Brady superintendent of the patients' dining room. J. S. Smith was named laundryman.

County employees desiring to attend Good Friday services will be permitted so to do, according to the vote taken by the board on request of the Good Friday Observance committee.

The next meeting of the board takes place on April 1, despite the protest of John F. Mullins that it "sounded foolish." It will be a committee meeting, however.

Denies Right to Dictate Prices.

The right of a patentee under the patent law to fix the price at which a patented article must be sold at retail was denied Wednesday by Judge

in San Francisco, in a decision in the States District court for the county of New York. The suit was filed by the Victor Talking Machine company to restrain R. H. Macy & Company from selling phonographs and records at a lower price than that fixed by the Victor company.

REPUBLIC IS THREATENED

Portuguese Cities Protest Against Dictatorial Policies.

Apart from news of monarchial and revolutionary origin, intentionally exaggerated, information from impartial and reliable sources shows that the Portuguese crisis continues serious.

Ninety-five city councils have forwarded protests against the dictatorial character of the government, while only 17 support it.

Several soliders were arrested at Oporto because of a revolutionary propaganda they were conducting, and nine bombs charged with nitroglycerine were found in the railroad station at Gaya.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow, and as R. D. Blacow, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow, and as R. D. Blacow, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within ten (10) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, 1101 Union Savings Bank Building, north-east corner of Thirteenth street and Broadway, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow and as R. D. Blacow, deceased.

ROBERT A. BLACOW, Administrator of the estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow and as R. D. Blacow, deceased.

Dated, Oakland, March 3, 1915.
THOMAS C. HUXLEY,
Attorney for said administrator, Union Savings Bank Building, Oakland, Cal., 3-44-1

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 5th day of April, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Ludwig Hansen to obtain a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Alvarado in Alvarado Election Precinct.
GEO. E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, March 15, 1915.



AFTER TAKING STOCK WE FIND THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF BROKEN BOXES OF ENVELOPES OF DIFFERENT SHAPES AND SIZES. ALL ARE IN GOOD CONDITION, BUT THE VARIETY IS SO GREAT, AND THE QUANTITY OF EACH SIZE SO SMALL AS TO MAKE IT UNPROFITABLE TO CHANGE OUR PRESSES TO PRINT THEM. IN ORDER TO CLEAR THEM OUT WE WILL SELL THEM AT TWO PACKAGES FOR FIVE CENTS.

THE WASHINGTON PRESS, NILES, CAL.

No. of Bank 232—232a.

REPORT OF CONDITION

of the

BANK OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

at Alvarado, California, and its branch at Irvington as of the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1915.
THIS REPORT INCLUDES THE BUSINESS OF ALL BRANCH OFFICES.

Resources.	Commercial
Loans and Discounts.....	\$403,610.90
Overdrafts.....	None
Bonds, Warrants and Other Securities.....	100,500.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures.....	14,000.00
Safe Deposit Vaults.....	None
Other Real Estate Owned.....	10,500.00
Due From Reserve Banks.....	128,435.09
Due From Other Banks.....	None
Actual Cash on Hand.....	36,628.15
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	None
Checks and Other Cash Items.....	None
Other Resources.....	None
Total.....	\$688,674.04

Liabilities.	
Capital Stock Paid In.....	65,000.00
Surplus.....	11,000.00
Undivided Profits, Less Expenses and Taxes Paid.....	8,213.05
Other Existing Profits Collected, but not in Undivided Profits Account.....	None
Bills Payable (including Certificates of Deposit representing money borrowed).....	None
Notes Rediscounted.....	None
Deposits, Due to Banks.....	None
Dividends Unpaid.....	6.00
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	164,725.91
Savings Deposits.....	None
Demand Certificates of Deposit.....	550.00
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	408,674.08
Certified Checks.....	None
Cashier's Checks.....	None
State, County and Municipal Deposits.....	30.00
Postal Savings Deposits.....	None
Other Liabilities.....	None
Total.....	\$688,674.04

State of California) ss.
County of Alameda)

August May, President, and J. R. Blacow, Secretary and Cashier of Bank of Alameda County, being duly sworn, each for himself, says he has a personal knowledge of the matters contained in the foregoing report of condition and that every allegation, statement, matter and thing therein contained, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

AUGUST MAY,

President.

J. R. BLACOW,

Secretary and Cashier.

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 10 day of March, 1915.
(SEAL)
CHRISTENA M. ANDERSON,
Notary Public in and For Said County of Alameda, State of California.

No. of Bank—390.

REPORT OF CONDITION

of the

NILES STATE BANK

at Niles as of the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1915.

Resources.	Commercial.
Loans and Discounts.....	\$74,933.21
Overdrafts.....	None
Bonds, Warrants and Other Securities.....	19,613.20
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures.....	9,206.95
Safe Deposit Vaults.....	None
Other Real Estate Owned.....	2,000.00
Due From Reserve Banks.....	31,238.73
Due From Other Banks.....	None
Actual Cash on Hand.....	13,171.97
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	None
Checks and Other Cash Items.....	None
Other Resources.....	None
Total.....	150,264.06

Liabilities.	
Capital Stock Paid In.....	25,000.00
Surplus.....	None
Undivided Profits, Less Expenses and Taxes Paid.....	1,173.28
Other Existing Profits Collected, but not in Undivided Profits Account.....	None
Bills Payable (including Certificates of Deposit representing money borrowed).....	None
Notes Rediscounted.....	None
Deposits, Due to Banks.....	None
Dividends Unpaid.....	None
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	61,271.86
Savings Deposits.....	None
Demand Certificates of Deposit.....	None
Time Certificate of Deposit.....	51,072.33
Certified Checks.....	None
Cashier's Checks.....	None
State, County and Municipal Deposits.....	10,400.00
Postal Savings Deposits.....	1,346.59
Other Liabilities.....	None
Total.....	150,264.06

State of California) ss.
County of Alameda)

August May, President, and Chas. Evans, Secretary and Cashier of Niles State Bank, being duly sworn, each for himself, says he has a personal knowledge of the matters contained in the foregoing report of condition and that every allegation, statement, matter and thing therein contained is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

AUGUST MAY,

President.

CHAS. EVANS,

Secretary and Cashier.

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 13th day of March, 1915.
(SEAL)
M. B. SNEDEN,
Notary Public in and For Said County of Alameda, State of California.

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PARCELS POST REGULATIONS

In response to numerous inquiries regarding the rules and regulations governing the sending of farm products to city residents the following is submitted:

Parcel post matter for local rural route and first and second zone shall embrace all matter, including farm and factory products not now embraced by law in either the first, second or third class.

Parcels shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight. In size they shall not exceed 72 inches in length and girth combined, nor in form and kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

Preparation for Mailing.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can easily be examined. They must bear the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From."

How to Pack.

Anything liquid or liquefiable must be placed in a bag, box or removable envelope or wrapping made of paper, cloth, parchment or similar material and inclosed in a box or tube of metal or wood with a sliding clasp or screw lid.

In case of such articles liable to break, the inner bag or box or envelope must be surrounded by sawdust, excelsior, cotton or similar substance.

Parcel Post Zones.

The first zone includes all territory within the 50-mile limit of your post office in any direction.

The second zone includes all the territory outside of the first zone (50 miles) and within the 150-mile limit of your postoffice in any direction.

The third zone is 300 miles in any direction, and the fourth zone is 600 miles in any direction from your own postoffice.

Local or Rural Delivery.

Is any parcel post matter that is mailed at the rate of 1 cent for delivery from there by city or local carrier or from which a rural route starts.

Post Rates.

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are available at the rate of 1 cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are available at the following pound rates, a fraction of a pound being considered a full pound:

Weights—	Local	Zone One	Zone Two
1 pound.....	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.06
2 pounds.....	.06	.06	.06
3 pounds.....	.06	.07	.07
4 pounds.....	.07	.08	.08
5 pounds.....	.07	.09	.09
6 pounds.....	.08	.10	.10
7 pounds.....	.08	.11	.11
8 pounds.....	.09	.12	.12
9 pounds.....	.09	.13	.13
10 pounds.....	.10	.14	.14
11 pounds.....	.10	.15	.15
12 pounds.....	.11	.16	.16
13 pounds.....	.11	.17	.17
14 pounds.....	.12	.18	.18
15 pounds.....	.12	.19	.19
16 pounds.....	.13	.20	.20
17 pounds.....	.13	.21	.21
18 pounds.....	.14	.22	.22
19 pounds.....	.14	.23	.23
20 pounds.....	.15	.24	.24
21 pounds.....	.15	.25	.25
22 pounds.....	.16	.26	.26
23 pounds.....	.16	.27	.27
24 pounds.....	.17	.28	.28
25 pounds.....	.18	.29	.29
26 pounds.....	.18	.30	.30
27 pounds.....	.19	.31	.31
28 pounds.....	.19	.32	.32
29 pounds.....	.19	.33	.33
30 pounds.....	.20	.34	.34
31 pounds.....	.20	.35	.35
32 pounds.....	.21	.36	.36
33 pounds.....	.21	.37	.37
34 pounds.....	.22	.38	.38
35 pounds.....	.22	.39	.39
36 pounds.....	.23	.40	.40
37 pounds.....	.23	.41	.41
38 pounds.....	.24	.42	.42
39 pounds.....	.24	.43	.43
40 pounds.....	.25	.44	.44
41 pounds.....	.25	.45	.45
42 pounds.....	.26	.46	.46
43 pounds.....	.26	.47	.47
44 pounds.....	.27	.48	.48
45 pounds.....	.28	.50	.50
46 pounds.....	.28	.51	.51
47 pounds.....	.29	.52	.52
48 pounds.....	.29	.53	.53
49 pounds.....	.30	.54	.54

A mailable parcel may be insured for 5 cents on a valuation up to \$25 and 10 cents on a valuation over \$25 and up to \$50.

C. O. D. Service.

The sender of a parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may have the price of the article and the charges thereon collected from the addressee on payment of a fee of 10 cents in postage stamps affixed, provided the amount to be collected does not exceed \$100. Such a parcel may be insured against loss without additional charge, in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50.

addressed will not be permitted to examine the contents of a C. O. D. parcel until it has been received for and all charges paid. C. O. D. parcels will not be accepted when addressed to the Philippine Islands.

Special Delivery.

The postoffice department has arranged that upon payment of 10 cents additional any parcel post package will secure immediate delivery.

WATER QUESTION OF BAY CITIES

Alameda County Must and Will Oppose the Spring Valley Scheme of Ruin.

WHEN San Francisco was preparing the data upon which her fight for the Hetch Hetchy was to be made, her officials came to the people of Washington township in Alameda county and asked their co-operation. They wanted evidence to show that it would be injurious to the people of that section if the Spring Valley Water Company's plans for seizing the flood waters of the Alameda-creek watershed were carried out. The people of Alameda county accepted the professions of the city officials as genuine and co-operated in the collection of the data. Throughout the Freeman report reference is constantly made to the fact that the plans of the Spring Valley would probably lead to litigation. It was one of the strong points in opposition to the Spring Valley's contention that a sufficient supply could not be developed from the Alameda creek watersheds. It is mentioned not only in the Freeman report, but in the Army Board's report, in the hearing before Secretary Fisher and also in the hearing before the Committee on Public Lands. City Attorney Long, Mr. O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Dockweiler all called attention to it. The city spent several thousand dollars in collecting the data on which this contention was based.

S. F. Cannot Divert Flood Waters

In addition to the data showing injury an exhaustive report on the question of the doctrine of percolating water as decided by the Supreme Court of California was compiled by City Attorney Long to show that the people of the Niles Creek section were right in their contention that they were entitled to the flood waters of Alameda Creek. Four different decisions of the court were quoted by Mr. Long to prove this contention. If the San Francisco officials were right then (in 1912) are not the people of the Alameda County Water District right now in making the same claim? It is contended now that the city is entitled to the flood waters on the plea of a higher use for domestic purposes. But can the city deprive the people of Alameda county of the rights which they have enjoyed for a half century? According to the decision of the State Supreme Court the Spring Valley Water company can not divert these flood waters for sale elsewhere.

Why Pull Spring Valley Chestnuts

Then why hurry the unloading of the Spring Valley's untenable claim upon San Francisco? Is it because the city officials believe that the City of San Francisco can take what the Spring Valley company, as corporation cannot deliver? Will the purchase by the city make millions of dollars good to the stock and bondholders of the Spring Valley company, which the corporation itself cannot bluff the people of Alameda county out of? Doesn't it look like somebody is trying to pull chestnuts out of the fire for the Spring Valley?

Two Thousand Wells Will Be Dug

Mr. Long, in a recent Examiner interview, says the Spring Valley bought the riparian rights from land owners along the Alameda Creek. Riparian rights are not contended for by the people of the Alameda County Water District. A riparian right entitles the owner along the banks of the creek to the use of water running in the stream. That is not the question at issue. The question at issue is the water percolating from the gravel beds of the creek under the lands of the property owners for miles on either side of the creek. Owners of land lying farther away from the creek bed never sold their rights. And, according to the Supreme Court's various decisions the owners of the land along the banks of the creek could not dispose of these waters belonging to their neighbors and the Spring Valley company much less take them with-

pany could not buy them from out compensation to the owners. It is only by flood waters that the gravels of the district are replenished. If the flood waters are diverted to San Francisco the two thousand wells in Washington township will go dry.

Oakland's Supply Endangered.

Another factor that must enter into this problem and must be considered by the people of San Francisco is the fact that Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda are dependent upon these same flood waters percolating into the gravels to feed the wells of the Peoples Water company at Alvarado. Can San Francisco deprive these cities of the eight million gallons of water taken daily from the gravels at Alvarado?

Hetch Hetchy Supply Should be Hurried.

The people of the Alameda County Water District are not anxious to play the part of the dog in the manger. They simply refuse to be ruined in order to make good the Spring Valley stocks and bonds to the water speculators. They believe San Francisco and Oakland should hurry up the Hetchy supply, bring it in to the bay section and add to its wealth and prosperity. What Los Angeles has done these cities can and ought to do. It is an economic blunder of almost a criminal nature to destroy one of the finest food producing sections of the world when it is totally unnecessary.

Alameda Forced to Deny Its Rights.

The attitude at present displayed by the city officials of San Francisco is in remarkable contrast to their attitude of two years ago. Both Mr. Long and Mr. O'Shaughnessy refused to give to the people of Alameda any rights whatever. They did not even consider a peace treaty to determine these rights by a lawsuit. Their attitude forced the people of the Alameda County Water District to thousands of dollars in order to defend in court the rights they have enjoyed for over two generations.

Once the Spring Valley sells out to San Francisco, then it will be up to San Francisco to solve the problem. She will have paid millions of dollars for property which she must develop to its fullest capacity to make good on her investment. To make good on her investment she must disregard the rights of her Alameda county neighbors. And can she expect them to submit to ruin without a struggle?

Will it not be wiser for all the communities involved in this question to attempt a solution independently of the bondholders and stock jobbers?

The Law in the Case.

The following is taken from the decision in the Case of Miller vs. Bay Cities Water Co. (Coyote Creek case) as quoted by City Attorney Long in his article, "The Doctrine of Percolating Waters." (Appendix 6, Freeman, Report): As Mr. Long says, "the facts involved in the case and the principles of law applied thereto are pertinent to the present inquiry" that the opinion of the court is worthy of consideration in the proposed purchase of the flood waters of Alameda Creek.

Principle of Law Laid Down.

In the decision which covers a case exactly parallel to the Niles Cone case, the court held: "The owner of land having an underground water bearing stratum supplied by the flood waters of a stream has a primary right to the full flow of such waters, in order to bring his stratum up to its water-bearing capacity. While the owner of the underground stratum is only entitled to the flood waters to the extent that they may replenish his water-bearing stratum, still his right to the accustomed flood flow of the stream for that purpose is paramount to that of the right of an appropriation to divert any of the

waters for use beyond the watershed."

This is one of the latest decisions quoted by Mr. Long and was rendered in 1910.

Deceiving the People.

Is it not apparent that the people of San Francisco are being kept ignorant of a very vital feature in the proposed purchase? Will it not be a very serious and disastrous blunder to spend nearly \$50,000,000 in buying and developing a supply which may prove inadequate? The idea of buying up the opposition in the Alameda County District is out of the question. It would take another \$15,000,000 and besides Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda would have to be considered.

Cities Will Join for Sierra Supply

Why would it not be wiser for the people of San Francisco to put up her \$50,000,000 which the Spring Valley system will eventually cost, aside from any damages to the Alameda County people, in bringing the Hetch Hetchy supply to the bay section? Then when it became necessary the city could buy what it needed of the Spring Valley system and Oakland could buy what it needed of the People's Water company. If there is to be a long legal fight over the flood waters of the Alameda Creek watershed why not let the Spring Valley prove its rights to this water before it unloads it upon the people of San Francisco? Oakland and Berkeley and Alameda will surely join San Francisco in bringing in the Hetch Hetchy supply when the people of these cities learn the truth of the situation. And they must face the truth in spite of the scheming and manipulation and treachery on both sides of the bay that have kept them in the dark for all these years.

Why Bring on a Bitter Fight?

It is no particular concern to the people of the interior of Alameda county how Oakland and San Francisco waste their money in buying out effete water systems. But when those cities set themselves to the task of despoiling a rich food producing section, capable of yielding in one generation wealth enough to pay the cost of bringing in the Hetch Hetchy water supply, it does become a matter of the supremest importance to them. They can and they must and they will oppose such a scheme to the bitter end. Then why force the issue? Why pursue such a colossal economic crime to the bitter end? It is not necessary and it is unjust. It is unbecoming a great intelligent forward looking people.

San Francisco, on April 20, must choose between a policy of enlightened conservation or an unwise policy of selfishness and destruction.

"MOVIE" ACTOR IS GOOD.

Former Member of Niles-Essany Company Reimburses County.

Ernest Manning, formerly a member of the Essany staff at Niles, who was arrested some time ago in Imperial Valley for having stolen some horses from Fresno county, has been recommended for parole. Manning has offered to reimburse the county for the expense it went to in capturing him. The owner of the horses also is to be paid.

Two companions of Manning in the crime have already been paroled after making restitution to the both the county and the owner of the stolen horses.

High School Has Vacation.

Washington high school pupils will have a vacation during the coming week. Many of the pupils will remain at their homes as the vacation is to short to permit for extended visits.

AUTHOR OF DRY ZONE IS THREATENED.

Shortly after the final consideration of his dry zone bill, which would close half a thousand saloons in San Francisco, had been postponed until today Senator Butler gave out a letter he had received from a San Francisco saloon keeper who threatened to kill him if the bill becomes a law. The letter was not signed, and Senator Butler turned it over to the postal authorities, who have commenced an investigation.

The letter read:

"I have been a resident of San Francisco almost forty years. I am now over 63 years old and have a wife and seven children, the oldest about 19 and the youngest 2. I have been a saloon-keeper for over thirty-seven years. I never was arrested in my life. I have been a good citizen, have paid my

taxes and raised and educated my family.

"But I have been driven almost insane by the constant agitation of you politicians on the liquor question, and I tell you that if your bill should go through it would make a beggar of me in my old age, with a growing family on my hands. And I tell you, if you do this wicked thing, I will take the law in my own hands, and I will kill you as sure as the sun rises. You are

driving me crazy, but not too crazy to get at you, and I don't care what becomes of me after that. I've stood all I'm going to stand. My father fought for the Union and was twice wounded, and I fought the Apache Indians over 40 years ago when I was in the United States army, from which I have been honorably discharged, and I will allow no one to rob me and my large family of our living, and turn us over to beggary."



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A Portentious Reform

HE marked success of State Compensation Insurance will be accepted with no small amount of gratification by those who have theorized on the socialization of public management and ownership of classes of business and industries that have come to be public necessities. This practical showing that the people will respond to the state's efforts to disenfranchise itself is as discomfiting, too, to men of high finance as it is flattering in its aspect of general good. Be sure the old-line insurance kings and money-gods will reiterate their carplings and those who echo their reactionary sentiments will point out the opportunities for graft that are afforded by a commonwealth "going into business," and they know an opportunity when they see it; that's their business—they're experts in graft.

If the state can do an insurance business of over half a million dollars in a year with as little flamboyant flap-doodle as has marked this short experience; if it can lead its highest competitor \$144,000 in a year without putting out any agents to precede the ambulance chasers, what can it do as soon as time sufficient has elapsed to permit of thorough organization of the business. We hesitate to imagine, for a vivid imagination only can picture probable results.

This gross of thousands of dollars, small as it appears when contemplating the larger, incomprehensible sums controlled by men composing the money trust, of which the insurance trust is the holding company, doesn't amount to much, but it is ours; it has been kept on the Pacific Coast, not sent to New York where it can be used as a whetstone to sharpen the knife of competition with which our industrial throats are hacked at by the profit hogs who take toll from every industry through their damnable control of the circulating medium. These hundred and forty-four thousands of hard dollars, according to United States figures, represent twenty dollars apiece in circulating medium. This means that the State has saved to local industries over a million (\$1,440,000) commercial promise-to-pay dollars. Not only have we saved it for our own use, but, what amounts to more, we have kept it from those who are really commercial "wolves in sheep's clothing." All that a continuance of this policy means to future generations is absolutely beyond the present

and to conceive. It means freedom—big freedom, and the pursuit of happiness to those unborn and satisfaction and peace of mind for those who now live and love.

The High Cost of Law

DIRECT actionists both in the ranks of labor and capital claim efficiency and economy for their methods, and judging from the experience of Redwood City their contentions in one respect, at least, are well grounded.

City Attorney J. H. Morris was called to task by some nosy citizen for charging a Dutchman's one per cent ten times over for opening the safety deposit vault of City Clerk George N. Smith, who decamped some time ago leaving a shortage of several thousand dollars. The actual opening of the box cost \$2.50, but the "overhead expense" multiplied the cost to the city a hundred times.

There were annotated in the itemized account rendered in explanation of the bill, besides the \$2.50 paid for the work, \$2.50 for telephoning, \$10 for publishing a legal notice, \$9.60 for notary's fees and 40 cents for legal services. There is nothing to mark the entries as suspicious, except that odd ten cents in the notary's account, and an evident overcharge for attorney's fees. Forty cents is entirely too much to pay a man who can make work done for \$2.50 at a profit, mount up to \$25 on occasion.

Still, city clerks don't abscond often, but no one ever heard of a city attorney as well up in mathematics and things and Morris is deserting latent possibilities and undeveloped opportunities such as present in Redwood City so long as the people stand for such bills.

An Exhibit That Is Not

IT TAKES some kinds of news an incredibly long time to trickle down to the people. An illustration of the truth of this is in the fact that, despite the amounts of money devoted to the project by the supervisors, Alameda county is practically without an industrial exhibit at the Exposition.

At a cost of \$15,000 agreement was entered into some time since with D. A. Egilbert to install an exhibit. Egilbert notified some of the Oakland manufacturers two months ago to prepare their materials. This was done and still provision has not been made for its installation.

A. A. Dennison, formerly secretary of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, A. W. Drury, who

occupied a similar position in Berkeley, and D. A. Bradley, a lesser light who needed a job, are being paid good salaries as managers, lecturers and so forth from county funds.

Supervisor Murphy from this district, hearing of the condition, interested himself to the extent of going over to San Francisco on a still-hunt for information. There was no one there to receive him or give him any information and now there is a row brewing.

All these men, particularly Egilbert and Dennison, were accredited with being active backers of the million dollar bond proposition by the Oakland newspapers; but never a word about the county exhibit. And now that the truth is out, they are compelled to tacitly admit their duplicity in suppressing the facts by this late (when it can't harm the bunco that they espoused) publishing the truth.

Don't you see, men, how these panderers for a price assume, not only on your ignorance but contribute to your undoing? They are yours, the newspapers. You make them by your patronage. They laugh at your credulence and pooh-pooh your protests; and they will continue to do so as long as you deserve their contempt and prove their perspicacity by patronizing them.

Water District Wins

By CHRIS RUNCKEL

THE bill validating the Alameda County Water District was passed by the State Senate last Friday by a vote of 36 to 0.

At the last moment, when the passage of the bill through the Senate was a foregone conclusion, the San Francisco administration withdrew its opposition. The main opposition from San Francisco came from the city attorney's office. The San Francisco senators were not particularly active in opposing the bill.

Attorney Nourse and Engineer Cyril Williams, Jr., were both in Sacramento advocating the passage of the bill, and it had supporters in the Senate from all parts of the State. An intimation was made to the advocates of the bill that if the district would not bring its suit until after the San Francisco election on April 20, that the opposition from San Francisco would be withdrawn. This was turned down.

There was really no argument of any kind except that it might hurt the Spring Valley district. The Senators as a rule do not care to be as Spring Valley supporters.

The effect of the bill is to prevent litigation in regard to the district's formation and to clear the way for the determination of the rights of the people of our district to the water supply of the Alameda Creek watershed.

The passage of the bill through the Legislature by such a splendid vote shows the effect of good team work. It also shows the advantage of having men like George Beck and E. K. Strowbridge as our representatives in the legislature.

The Pleasanton district bill has passed the Assembly and it will undoubtedly pass the Senate also.

Much interest is being shown in San Francisco in the proposed suit by the district against the Spring Valley Water company to prevent that company from diverting the flood waters to San Francisco. The Spring Valley purchase has strong opposition in the city, and as the ability of the company to make good its increased supply depends upon its right to impound and divert the flood waters of the Alameda Creek, the suit will play an important part in the election. If the Spring Valley is not permitted to seize these flood waters, the city will have to hurry up the bringing in of the Hetch Hetchy supply.

Unemployment is first cousin to crime. Both are results of an efficiency system which regards men in the light of profits—of the wedding of wealth to heartlessness on the one hand and of poverty to hopelessness on the other.

The automobile has done more for good roads than anything else, and sending of "automobilers" to jail will do more for prison reform than the machines have done for the roads.

Wouldn't this be a fine world if we could forgive others for doing what we think is bad as easily and completely as we justify ourselves in doing what we know is wrong?

If it were true that "We are known by the company we keep," some of us would improve in reputation by separating us from ourselves.

The man or woman who is injured by casual association with bad men or women is mighty easily hurt—ought to be carefully watched.

The convict is one of the few in this day and age who pays the greatest tax to society without representation.

Hearing from Home

By SPECIAL OBSERVER, Sacramento.

Maybe you do not know it, but it helps a whole lot when the legislators "hear from the folks at home." Put yourself in the place of your Senator or Assemblyman for a little while and you will find there is a great difference between being "on the outside looking in and on the inside looking out."

There are 120 members in both houses, 80 in the Assembly and 40 in the Senate. Each member went to Sacramento with, probably from one to a half a dozen or more measures in which his district is particularly interested. In addition to these, hundreds of other measures are introduced "by request." In all there are nearly 3000 bills, constitutional amendments and joint and concurrent resolutions. Few if any of the members had any knowledge of the bills that were to be introduced other than their own. All measures are referred to committees and those committees listen to arguments for and against as a jury listens to the arguments of attorneys, and then recommend for or against the bills or "let them die in committee." If there is no opposition the committee hears the argument of the proponent of the bill and then decides. There are so many angles and interests, industries and professions affected that it is difficult for the legislator to decide, single-handed, what is best for the state at large.

There is no hint of "buddle" or "sack" in the present body. On the contrary there is every indication that the majority is working from an earnest conviction, right or wrong as you view it. The majority, apparently, wants to do what is right, but where men have to think quickly on so many measures it is not within the limits of human reason for all to decide right every time, especially where they have been working from 9 o'clock in the morning until midnight and after, either on the floor or in committee.

There is where you may help.

You chaps out there in the fields, orchards, mills, mines and factories, can think over these measures while you work. Your public library has a file of the bills affecting the agricultural and industrial interests. Drop in there and read over the digest

the next time you are in town, then write your legislator your viewpoint. The opinion of an organized body, however, will have greater weight than the individual.

How many of you have dropped in on the editor of your paper and threshed out the important measures in order that the editor may get an idea of the consensus of opinion? The weekly newspaper is a full and complete letter from home; these legislators in Sacramento are your neighbors, they want to do the best they can for your interests. Why not advise with them and let them know what you want?

The trouble with you is that you think the country is too big for you to handle. That is sheer nonsense; you built it and it is no bigger than you are. This great big republic was built by the gatherings in the country school houses, around the stove or on the porch of the country store, in the country newspaper offices and by neighbors talking across their field fences and it was those fellows that shouldered their guns and went forward at a "double quick" when Uncle Sam made the high sign for help.

You built this Ship of State, and Time has only seasoned its staunch timbers. If you have any idea that the old craft is getting unseaworthy get rid of that idea at once. If she yaws, broaches to or fails to sail as close to the wind as she should you are to blame. You have failed to keep a good lookout or a full watch on deck to handle the sails. Whoever is at the wheel can't take his eyes from the compass; it is you who must lookout for squalls and breakers ahead and give him a chance.

Take the Non-partisan bill, the bill doing away with all political parties in state elections and which passed the Assembly by a vote of forty-eight to thirty-one after a continuous session of eighteen hours with only an hour off for lunch. The writer talked with a number of Assemblymen after the vote and not one had "heard from home." Each voted his opinion, an opinion formed under varying conditions; some because they believed in the bill; others, rumor has it, because they believed it would aid in securing the passage of bills in which their districts were interested. The bill will probably go to a referendum after its passage by the Senate as it is the opinion of the Assembly minority that a majority of the state's voters will "hold by the blood of their clan" and that at least two political parties are absolutely essential for the safety of the state.

Our history, since 1776, shows that whenever the majority "got busy" and thought it generally thought right. You are one of that majority, now get busy and think and give the men who are trying to legislate for you the benefit of what you think.

Now is the time to work for sewer bonds.

WELL-INFORMED.

No, she doesn't know Browning at all—
Not unless its on top of her beans—
And of Bacon her knowledge is small
When it's not in conjunction with greens.

If you talk of renaissance to her
She will wonder what dish that can be.

All the same I can truly aver
That a well-informed woman is she.

She is one of the skillfust cooks,
Although culture is not in her line.
She has not any passion for books,
Yet she thinks that Miss Libby is "fine."

She has never read Haeckel or Mill,
She is dense to a startling degree
In some ways I might mention, but,
still,

Quite a well-informed woman is she.

For she knows why the Browns are in debt
And who made Mrs. Hopkins' gown
And the awfully dissolute set
That the Parkers have trained with in town.

Every once in a while she will sit
And relate endless gossip to me,
And I really am bound to admit
That a well informed woman is she.
—Ex.

HER REDEEMING FEATURE.

She wasn't sweet,
Nor very neat,
Yet let this much be said:
When with a bloom
She sought a room,
She swept beneath the bed.

She wasn't worth
A pleasant berth.
She never could be led,
She wasn't cheap,
But she would sweep
Each time beneath the bed.

She wasn't smart.
Things flew apart
And shattered at her tread
But I will say
That every day
She swept beneath the bed.

So when this maid
Away is laid,
I'll carve above her head
These words of cheer:
"One lieth here
Who swept beneath the bed."
—Ex.

Beware of mad dogs and backbiting people.

It is useless to forgive an injury if you can't forget it.

There are many large tales connected with small fish.

And a good-looking detective isn't necessarily a good looker.

When some people tell the truth others are unable to recognize it.

At this season of the year the best game preserve is a refrigerator.

Love is apt to make a fool of a man but most men are willing to take the chance.

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A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

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RAPPORRIATIONS BEING SLASHED

Governor and Committee Applying the Pruning Knife to Legislation.

ADJOURNMENT ON MAY 1

Night Sessions Are Held and Saturday Half Holiday Stopped In Order to Finish the Program On Time.

Application of the administration shears to the appropriation bills before the legislature, totaling millions, was commenced Tuesday at the first of a series of budget conferences attended by Governor Johnson, Senator Strowbridge, chairman of the Senate finance committee, Assemblyman W. H. Wright, chairman of the Assembly ways and means committee, and John E. Neylan, president of the board of control.

"The governor has given out the word that everything is going to be cut down to the bone and that the people who are up here asking for special or extra appropriations might as well go home," said one of the administration leaders Tuesday.

The rigid pruning of appropriations is in line with a policy of strict economy, announced by the administration before the Legislature convened in January. Adjustment of the budget is one of the signs of the approach of the end of the Legislature. And administration spokesmen declared today that the session would close on May 1.

SCOTT'S BILL GETS FAVORABLE REPORT.

Senator Scott's bill designating "I Love You California," as the state song, was favorably recommended for passage Tuesday night by the Assembly committee. The bill was passed by the Senate last week. It will meet with some opposition, it is understood, when it reaches the floor of the House this week.

NEVADA POKER BILL HAS BEEN APPROVED.

Governor Emmet D. Boyle and a party of Nevada men are en route to San Diego to dedicate the state building at the Panama-California exposition.

Before leaving Carson City the governor affixed his signature to the Arnold gambling bill permitting poker and other card games when the deal alternates between the players and there is no percentage. His reason for signing the bill was that the old law making such games felonies could not be enforced.

WOULD BRAND FOREIGN DAIRY PRODUCTS.

The Senate reversed itself Monday on the Kehoe bill, requiring all Australian or other foreign butter sold in California to be stamped "imported." Last week the bill was beaten after a long debate, but Monday it was passed by a vote of 22 to 13.

"There is practically a free trade basis, so far as butter and eggs are concerned, and this bill is really a way to do away with this free trade basis, which was established by the said Chandler of Fresno in opposition.

PLANNING SEGREGATION OF CONVICTS

The State Board of Prison Directors at Folsom decided upon a policy of segregation of prisoners last Sunday not only within the two prisons, but as between the two penitentiaries, so that the "hard nuts" will be sentenced to Folsom with its rock quarry, while the younger and milder convicts and those of a tubercular tendency will be sent to San Quentin, where industrial machinery has been developed.

The co-operation of judges in the state will be asked to assist in carrying out this purpose.

APPRENTICE RESTRICTION BANNED.

A measure by Senator Owens intending to annul labor union regulations restricting the number of apprentices who may learn a trade was recommended for passage in the Senate judiciary committee by a vote of 5 to 3 Tuesday night, Senators Benedict, Ballard, Campbell, Maddux and Purkitt voting aye, and Senators Kehoe, Luce and Tyrell, no.

The action was taken in the face of vigorous opposition by a dozen repre-

sentatives of organized labor, led by George A. Tracey, president of San Francisco Typographical union.

The bill is regarded by organized labor as one of the pieces of legislation most inimical to their interests. Several employers present supporting the bill, said the "unions combine to prevent boys from learning a skilled trade, thereby establishing a trust and driving boys into unskilled lines."

HARD LINES FOR BLIND PIG OPERATORS.

County prosecuting officials will have an easier task in convicting so-called "blind piggers" under the Bruck bill, which makes the possession of a federal liquor license prima facie evidence of guilt. The bill passed the legislature Monday. It aims to stop the selling of liquor within prohibited territory occupied by state institutions.

FIGHT GAME IS KILLED IN NEVADA

By vetoing the bill on the 29th, permitting 20-round boxing contests, passed at a recent session of the state legislature, Governor Boyle of Nevada, has killed the prize fighting in that state, having already signed the general revenue bill which repealed the law under which ten-round prize fights have been held during the past two years.

The boxing bill was an amendment to the act of 1897, permitting finish fights, as amended by the Legislature of 1913, which limited contests to ten rounds.

INFECTED LIVE STOCK TO BE QUARANTINED.

Importation into the state of any livestock affected with any communicable disease is forbidden and a system of inspection and certification is established in a bill by Assemblyman Gebhart, passed by the Senate and sent to the governor for signature on Monday.

POPULATION OF PRISONS IS INCREASING

The prison population of California has grown within the last two years from 1900 to 2346 at San Quentin, and from between 1132 and 1165 to 1240 at Folsom. This is an increase varying from 521 to 562, and the crowded condition has become a critical matter especially at Folsom, where 40 con-

victs sleep in the prison chapel.

To remove this deplorable condition and to pay the way for a plan of segregation of prisoners, the directors, on Acting Warden Smith's recommendation, adopted a resolution to the Legislature urging an emergency appropriation of \$50,000 to complete the new cellhouse at Folsom which will have 512 single cells.

The State Engineering Department is rushing work on the first half of the proposed addition containing 256 cells, so as to complete it by June 1. A new dining room, connecting with the kitchen will have to be built.

After considering 43 applications from prisoners for paroles, the prison board granted 16 to take effect on April 1; 17 to take effect on April 1, upon compliance with certain conditions; and two to take effect at future dates. Eight applications were denied.

WAGE LAW PASSES THE SENATE.

One Labor measure passed the Senate Tuesday and another ran on to a snag which is causing one of the bitterest fights of the session in the upper house. The measure by Lyon, which carried, supplants on the statute books the nonpayment of wages law which the supreme court recently declared unconstitutional on the ground that it imposed a prison penalty for owing a debt.

The bill passed compels employers to pay workers within five days after severing their employment relations, and prescribes that upon nonpayment of wages after five days have elapsed from the termination of employment the employers will be compelled to pay double time for each day that the salary claim is unpaid. No one voted against this bill.

The fight opened when the next labor measure by Lyon came up for final passage. This bill seeks to prohibit an alleged subterfuge operated by many corporations which evade the law prohibiting the payment of wages in scrip, coupons, cards or other non-negotiable papers.

MOTHERS TO BE PENSIONED

New York to Care for Widows With Children.

The bill intended to provide pensions for widowed mothers passed the New York Assembly last week by a vote of 129 to 8. It previously had passed the Senate and now goes to the governor for signature. The governor said he was undecided whether he would sign the bill.

A BACK-YARD STORY

By DR. L. R. WILSON.

"Say, old man, where were you this morning?" said Mr. Fly to his friend, the Mosquito, as they sat warming themselves on the dining room window.

"You know, I believe I had the best time—for a couple of hours this morning, I have had in all the days of my life.

"This warm weather after the rain has made that old manure pile and rubbish heap smell the sweetest and taste—Yum! Say, you never tasted anything so fine in your life. Why, that pile of old weeds, grass, rubbish and stuff that has been piled up there in the back yard and against the barn with those old tin cans all winter, is just beginning to get good, now that the sun has come out to warm it up and make it rot.

"And you know a few minutes ago, as I came over to the house from my breakfast, my feet were nicely covered with the filth I had been wading in, and I hate to have dirty feet, and the baby's milk bottle was open and some of the milk in a glass on the table by the bottle. To be nice and clean I just washed my feet in the milk. Well, you know, while doing my toilet on the edge of the bottle, I slipped and down I went—Oh, no, not in the milk bottle, but in that butter. Say you'd have laughed to have seen me scramble to get out before any one saw me. Well, I crawled out along the edge of the butter dish, and there was the nicest piece of bread all ready for that butter I had on my feet, wings and body, so I just wiped myself clean on that nice white bread.

"You know my wife is out there in that sweet old manure pile, where that grass from the lawn is all rotting and the tin cans and rubbish are all piled up so temptingly. Know what she is doing? Say, just wait a day or two and that family of ours—only a few hundred thousand or so, will be com-

ing over to the house to wash up in the milk or kiss the sweet lips of that darling baby we see there in the other room. You just wait and see."

"You don't need to think for half a minute," said the mosquito, "that you have a monopoly upon that rubbish heap and those old tin cans, for let me tell you something.

"See that old tin can there by the fence?—No, that larger one back there by that post near the corner—yes, that one nearly full of water.

"Well, Mrs. Mosquito found that a few days ago and, believe me, she is busy. Babies? Yes, lots of them, the wiggly little cusses? And before long they will be old enough to fly and if these screen doors and windows are not kept pretty tight, oh, what a feast there will be. And you remember how these people enjoy sitting out on the lawn or in the comfortable chairs on the porch during the cool evening hours. Say, but what a snap! And do you know she found a fellow some time ago who had malaria—and had it good and plenty too—and she just feasted upon his blood until she got so big and pink that she nearly burst. And when those little babies get grown they will feast upon that sick man and upon well ones, too, and it won't be long till others have malaria, and then we'll have to move, for when peo-

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ple get sick they begin to say, 'Oh, those pesky flies, and oh, those awful mosquitoes.'

"Funny they don't think so much of us and our homes where we raise our families by the millions until some one in the household gets sick."

Just then Mr. Householder came in to the room, and spying Mr. Fly and Mr. Mosquito, proceeded to wield the swatter vigorously.

"Well, if spring ain't here already. Say, John, you get busy, you and the boys, and clean up that old rubbish and manure and old tin cans, etc., for we don't want any more sickness this year.

"The doctor has been very good to us, but we can't afford to take any more chances, and if we do away with the filth and decaying manure and vegetation and old tin cans and garbage, I'm sure we will live happier and healthier, and our little home will be so much prettier and more comfortable than ever before."

Joint committees of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West of San Francisco are perfecting plans for their memorial services to be held in the Native Sons' building on Sunday, May 2. This will be the first time that the organizations have combined for the service.

Now that the million-dollar bond question is settled and the citizens of Niles have saved a lot of useless expense in taxes, let us get together and devise ways and means of getting our sewer system put in.

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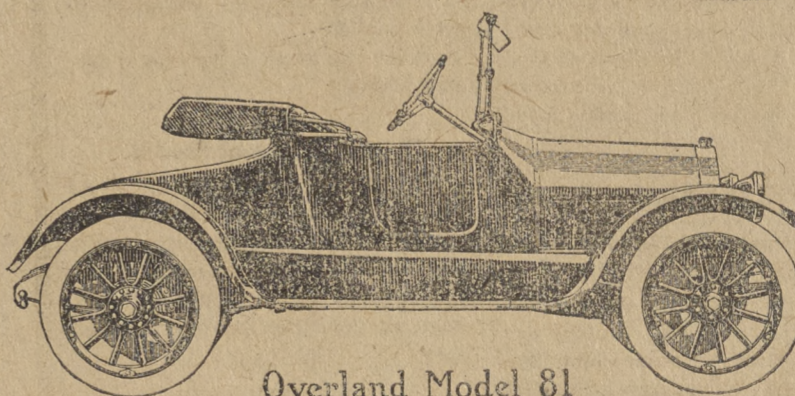
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TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

NILES BREVITIES.

Herbert Dominici was a visitor in Pleasanton Sunday morning.

Frank Lopes was a visitor in the Exposition city for the week end.

Miss Audrey Orpin was a business visitor in Oakland Saturday.

Miss Mary Bertolozzi paid Oakland a business visit Monday.

Ernest Salter, now in charge of the Rose garage at Pleasanton, was in Niles Sunday and Monday.

Creed Dominici visited with his sister Zelmier, who is now undergoing treatment at the St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco.

Joe Madeiros of Irvington was in Niles Sunday.

Mrs. Griffin spent the week with Miss Myrtle McPherson.

Alfred Mosegaard was called to San Jose on important business Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Merrill, Miss M. E. Hyde and Miss Anne D. Merrill, all of Des Moines, Iowa, are at the Belvoir. Mrs. Merrill and Miss Hyde are sisters of Rev. Charles L. Hyde of the Niles Congregational church.

Mrs. E. L. Chittenden who has been ill for several days is out again.

Miss L. DeCora is visiting in San Jose. She will be absent for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and daughter Dorothy, of Oakland, former residents of Niles, spent the week-end with friends here.

Albert Oliver of Oakland is spending part of his vacation in Niles with his grand-mother, Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth.

An election for school trustee will be held on Friday of this week at the grammar school building. Mr. Kell, who has held the office for one term, will again be a candidate.

The public schools are closed for this week and next for the mid-term vacation. The county teachers' institute will be held next week.

The rain of the past week has helped to bring on the crops rapidly.

Snow was seen on the eastern hills for a few hours Sunday evening.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Westling, at their home in Niles canyon on Saturday, March 27, a daughter.

The Bridge Club met at the home of

DECOTO NOTES

Archie Rice, the motion picture man, who is directing the work of taking pictures showing the various schools and school work of the state, for exhibition at the Palace of Education, P. I. E., San Francisco, was in Decoto last week. He took a number of views of the grounds and the children at play.

Born—In Decoto, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Duarte, a daughter.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

More Than Seven Hundred Books Are Taken Out During Month.

The following report of the Niles Branch of the County Library was filed yesterday by Mrs. E. M. Nichols, librarian:

Books Taken Out—Philosophy, 1; religion, 1; sociology, 3; natural science, 4; useful arts, 2; fine arts, 3; literature, 6; history, 7; travel, 11; biography, 1; fiction, 465; juvenile, 228; total, 732.

Magazines, 215.

Attendance, 990.

Fines, \$1.25.

To the Voters of Irvington

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for trustees of the Irvington school district. Yours Respectfully,
J. M. BREWER...

FARM BUREAU MEETINGS.

April Schedule For Meetings of Alameda County Centers.

Monday, April 5, Hayward.

Friday, April 9, Castro Valley.

Monday, April 12, Murray township, at Livermore.

Wednesday, April 14, Pleasanton.

Friday, April 18, Oakland.

Tuesday, April 20, Irvington.

Friday, April 23, Centerville.

Tuesday, April 27, Newark.

Wednesday, April 28, Niles.

WASHING BEE FRIDAY LAST

Home of Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth the Scene of Unique Gathering.

A large gathering of ladies met at the home of Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth near Niles Friday last to attend a "washing bee." The affair was held for the benefit of the ladies guild of the Niles Congregational church.

Invitations had been sent out in time and answers were returned in the same manner. A very pleasant afternoon was passed.

WAS OPERATED UPON.

Former Niles Boy Undergoes Operation for Abscess on Neck.

Chris Runckel, Jr., formerly of Niles and a student of Washington High school, but now attending the University of California, underwent an operation last Saturday at the University infirmary. The operation was performed by Dr. Legge.

Late reports indicate that the young man is doing nicely and will be able to continue his year's work at the university.

GOT LIMIT OF TROUT

Three Niles Fishermen Secure 150 Rainbow Trout.

George Rose, Manuel Destrella and Arthur Martenstein went on a fishing trip early this morning. They returned shortly after noon with 150 large rainbow trout. The boys refuse to state where they went.

The smallest fish was 8 inches long and from that size they varied up to twelve pounds.

Another trip at an early date is now being planned.

Benefit Dance at Studio.

April 17 is the date set for a big dance to be given at the studio of the Essanay Film Manufacturing Company at Niles. The proceeds of the dance are to be devoted to the expenses of the Niles-Essanay Baseball Team.

Picnic at Fernbrook Park.

One of the first picnics of the season for Fernbrook park has been announced for Sunday, April 11. It will be given under the auspices of the Consolidated clubs of San Francisco.

Taken to Hospital.

Ed. A. Leal of Alvarado was taken to Oakland Friday by Constable Frank Rose. Leal is being examined as to his sanity. The unfortunate man is well known throughout the township.

CENTERVILLE NOTES.

Born—March 19, 1915 to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bettencourt, a daughter.

The Associated Oil Company of California has opened a filling station in the S. Hansen property on Main street.

Martin Francis has opened a store on his own property.

The Centerville Grammar school is having two weeks' vacation. The teachers are preparing to attend the institute next week in San Francisco.

Ambrose Edwards and Miss Mitchell of Oakland are visiting at the home of Mr. Wright.

The total rainfall for the storm up to Tuesday was 0.53 inch. For the season 17.77. At Newark on the same day the total rainfall was 17.55.

The United Artisans held a meeting on the night of the 25th of March. Mrs. Mott was present and assisted in initiating four new members. Two new names are being considered. This makes eight since January. An invitation card party will begin April 8. It is in the hands of a competent committee who will do their best to make it a success.

The ladies of St. James church sent the last payment of \$100 on the Organ this week. Forty dollars of this had been advanced by a friend.

The St. James Sunday school is practicing for their service Easter Sunday at 3:30. There will be baptism. Special music in the morning will be given with the usual Easter service at 11 a. m.

Mrs. J. Nelson visited her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Bunting this week.

Mrs. H. Overacker returned from a much enjoyed visit to San Francisco Tuesday.

Has Birthday Party.

Lauren Abrott entertained a number of his small friends at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. Abrott, Niles, yesterday in honor of his fifth birthday anniversary.

Those invited were Bernice Sawyer, Lois Abrott, Lorraine McDougall, Irma Trimmingsham, Pauline Harvey, Thelma Payne, Theo. Elliott, Charley McKown, Bobbie McKown, Audrin Payne, James Alberg.

KILLILAY TO GO NORTH.

Niles Ball Player Leaves for Seattle to Play in N. W. League.

Martin Killilay, fielder of the Niles baseball team will leave for Seattle Saturday where he will rejoin the Seattle team of the Northwest League. Killilay was very popular while in Niles.

SUNDAY SCHOLL SHOW

Motion Picture Entertainment for the Benefit of School to be Given.

Wednesday afternoon and evening next a moving picture film will be shown at the Bell theater for the benefit of the Sunday school. The admittance fee in the afternoon for the children will be five cents. In the evening 10 cents will be charged to all. The pictures will be instructive, representing California scenery, manufacture of automobiles, etc.

At the Wesley.

The following guests have registered at the Wesley Hotel, Niles during the past week: Ed. Armstrong, Jean Jarvis, T. F. Coultrip of San Francisco and L. McCarthy, Oakland.

MASONS VISIT OAKLAND

Thirty Members of Alameda Lodge visit Standard Lodge Monday.

Monday evening officers and members of Alameda Lodge F. & A. M. of Centerville, to the number of thirty, motored to Oakland to pay a visit to Standard Lodge F. & A. M. of the county seat.

The officers of Alameda Lodge had been invited to confer a third degree upon a candidate of Standard Lodge. After the conferring of degrees a banquet was served and speeches delivered, the party returning to this township at a late hour.

The officers of Alameda Lodge of Centerville are as follows:

Worshipful Master—Dr. E. M. Grimmer.

Senior Deacon—F. B. Hartman.

Junior Warden—J. B. Chamberlin.

Treasurer—P. C. Hansen.

Secretary—A. T. Biddle.

Chaplin—Israel Richards.

Senior Deacon—Dr. E. A. Ormsby.

Junior Deacon—W. C. Richards.

Marshal—A. W. Haley.

Senior Steward—H. C. Seales.

Junior Steward—B. C. Mickel.

Tyler—L. M. Juhl.

HOT CROSS BUNS FRIDAY.

Niles Baker Follows Old Custom of Serving Buns on Good Friday.

Tomorrow (Good Friday) George O. Darrow, Niles baker, will have on sale hot cross buns. For some time Mr. Darrow has made it a practice to serve these buns on Good Friday, and the manner in which they have been received by the residents of Washington township has been instrumental in causing Mr. Darrow to again bake them.

Deputy Sheriffs After Fugitives.

Sheriff Barnett has deputies and constables watching every road and highway in the county, in response to a telegram received from Sheriff J. C. Rhine of Los Angeles county to intercept a big Studebaker touring car said to be bearing three men wanted in the county on a charge of highway robbery and kidnapping.

The leader of the trio is one Ray Barnett. His companions are known as "Shorty" and "Al." "Shorty" is about as a man five feet, six inches high and weighing about 150 pounds. No accurate description of the other two is available from the southern sheriff.

The automobile, when it left Los Angeles, carried the license number 12717, in the California 1915 series. It is thought that in view of the strict enforcement here of the license regulations, no attempt will be made by the deputies to remove the number to escape capture.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

LOST—Pearl and diamond brooch, engraved "G. M. G. to L. J. J. 11, 16, '98." Reward if returned to this office.

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ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for rent; rates reasonable. Mrs. Geneva Chase, Second and J. streets, Niles.

MATTOS TRIES SPEEDERS

Centerville Justice of Peace Clearing Up Old Calendar.

At the session of the justice court at Centerville Monday, Justice of the Peace J. G. Mattos made much headway in clearing up his calendar. It is the intention of the court to try all new cases in Niles until a new courtroom can be built at Centerville. The old cases will be tried in Centerville.

G. A. Dunn, charged with speeding by Traffic Officer Sherman was fined \$25.

Ted Close failed to show up. Deputy District Attorney Myron Harris requested a bench warrant for his arrest, but after some deliberation it was determined to give the man another week before taking extreme measures.

Charles Stine, who had been summoned to appear failed to show up. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

M. Spazof of Berkeley, who had been fined \$50 a week previous, appeared in court. The payment of the fine had evidently worried Spazof, and he asked permission to cross-examine Traffic officer Wright, who had arrested him and whose testimony had convicted him. Wright told a straight story and his testimony was unshaken. Spazof and Wright had an argument across the table, which showed no signs of abating until Justice Mattos suggested "that you (Spazof) and the officer get a hall if you want to keep this up. We have had enough of it."



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